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Dennis L. Lauper

From The Publisher's Notebook

LSD

He said that his name was Paul Raju and that he was one of sixteen children born in Fiji although his parents were both East Indians. His age was seventeen, he was tall and slender, his clothes were worn but neat and clean, his coal black hair was combed and reasonably short. Paul was polite and soft spoken and while he didn't smile easily, when he did, it was with a boyish, winning, and somewhat innocent smile.

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Today just a few months later, Paul's natural life is over...it will never be the same again as he stands charged with murder in Alameda County's Superior Court. His offense is the most heinous of crimes--matricide!

What caused this transformation in the life of ayoung man with so much promise? We finally found out what had happened to our apprentice furniture man.....according to the police report, young Paul sat in an upstairs window swinging his legs and muttering "Wow Man Wow; I'm on a LSD trip!" "Harmless" mind destroying drugs had so altered his personality that he had fatally stabbed his mother during an argument at home. Chalk up another victory for Timothy O'Leary and Satan.

"Holy Smoke!"

Widespread publicity by the public media was given to the incendiary

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Redwood City Ward Book Review Shindig

Authors at work. Samuel and Raymond Taylor, co-authors of the book, "Uranium Fever, or No Talk Under $1-Million," check over manuscript at Brigham Young station on BYU campus. (Published book will be reviewed by Nell Smith and Sam Taylor at Redwood City Ward, February 5, 7:30 p.m.)

Bruce Jones of Redwood City Ward has got to be one of the most exceptional bishops in the church. He wears psychadelic neckties, florescent suits, has sideburns to the bottom of his ears, and tools a custom-made roadster, blood red and with roaring chrome snorkles. Not only that, but he has ideas to match, such as combining a book review and meet-the-author program with the Welfare Plan.

No wonder he's popular. He even has a sense of humor.

The program is scheduled for Friday evening, February 5, at 7:30 p.m., in the Redwood City Ward chapel. The author to be met is Samuel W. Taylor, who is a ward member (and this might be one way for Bishop Jones to get him out to church). The book is "Uranium Fever, or No Talk Under $1-Million," and the star of the evening will be Nell Smith, who reviewed the book for the Messenger last month, and at this shindig will review it in person.

Nell Smith is well known to East Bay Saints for her literary reviews. She puts on an excellent show. And she also displays rare courage to review an author's book while the author stares at her. But this sort of program was successful previously with another Taylor book at a church function to raise money for a worthy cause (and what else is new?)

After Nell Smith's review, Taylor will recount his hair-raising experiences in writing the book, and braving the wilds of Darkest Utah to introduce it.

If this doesn't sound much like a church project, that's because you haven't read the book. The big uranium stampede of the 1950's happened in Mormon country, Salt Lake City was the world capital of the penny stock frenzy. The book qualifies as regional literature of Mormon country.

After the two talks, there will be refreshments, and Taylor will be happy toautograph books. Though he doesn't value a dollar any more than his right eye, the author's royalty will go to Welfare.

Everybody welcome for the show. Suggested welfare donation is $3 single, $5 per couple.

-Gay Taylor

The Tragic Hayward Chapel Conflagration

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Richard King And Four Lovely Girls Stage Musical Review

LDS lawyer-entertainer Richard King performed his new revue for seventeen shows at Disneyland and Las Vegas in November and December of 1970.

The act consists of the popular Bay-Area "Baritone Barrister" assisted by four lovely girls from different parts of the globe: England, Japan, Africa and America.

Debbie Simpson sings "I Love You, Porgy," from the folk-opera "Porgy and Bess." Nancy Miyamoto sings "I've Gotta Be Me" from the Broadway show "Golden Rainbow." Margaret Avery sings "Before The Parade Passes By" from the acclaimed longest-running musical comedy in Broadway history; "Hello, Dolly!" and Karen Howe sings "What Are You Doing For The Rest of Your Life?" from the motion picture "Happy Ending" starring Jean Simmons.

Richard King sings "Close To You," "Until It's Time For You to Go," "Trouble in River City" (he has signed to perform "The Music Man" again for Woodminster in June of 1971), and (assisted by the girls) "Put A Little Love In Your Heart," and "Everything is Beautiful."

The quintet also performs a Burt Bacharach Medley of current hits and a love medley...singing 20 love songs in 2½ minutes.

The show will be performed in numerous places throughout the United States in 1971; a video-tape for future T.V. showing was made in Hollywood in December.

On New Year's Eve, 1970, Richard also put on a benefit show for the La Canada Stake in Los Angeles. Assisting him were Jerry Yoder (from the cast of "The Star Spangled Boner" at The Little Fox Theater in San Francisco) and the popular Jim Rawls band.

Dennis Moffat from Los Angeles produced the show. Both shows were created and directed by Shaw-Hitchcock Productions of Studio City.

"THE RICHARD KING Show" consisted of 4 lovely girls as well as the barritone barrister in November-December performances at Disneyland and Las Vegas.

Left to right are Debbie Simpson, Nancy Miyamato, Richard King, Margaret Avery and Karen Howe. The show was staged at "The Golden Horsehoe" in Disneyland and The Desert Inn Hotel at Las Vegas.

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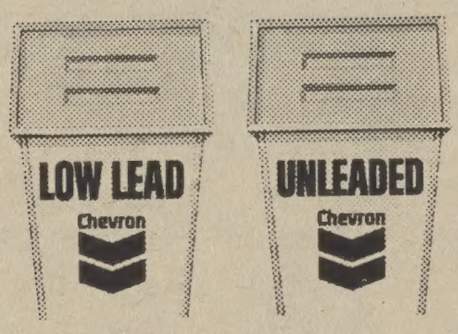

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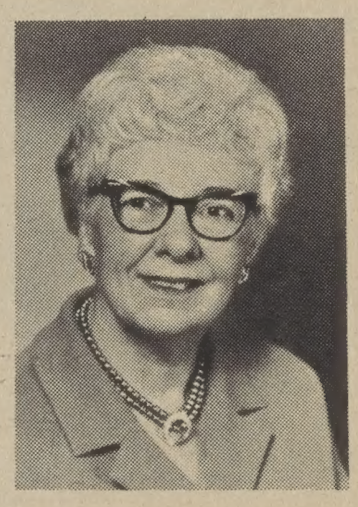

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Death Takes W. Aird MacDonald

W. (for Wallace) Aird Macdonald died of a heart attack at his home in Bountiful, Utah, December 8. The funeral took place from Bountiful 14th Ward Chapel Friday, the 11th. His remains are interred in the Provo City Cemetery.

W. Aird, or Mack, as he was known to his many friends, resided many years in the Bay Area. He was born in Mesa, Arizona, January 10, 1887, the son of Wallace Aird and Sarah Barbara Brundage Macdonald. They, as well as his wife Nelle's parents, were among the first settlers of Mesa and their names appear on a plaque in the beautiful Mesa City Park.

W. AIRD MACDONALD

W. Aird attended the public schools of all levels in Mesa to and including its high school. He filled a mission in the Southern States from 1905 to 1908. He referred frequently in conversations to his colorful mission President, Ben E. Rich. He remembered Theodore Roosevelt as president of the United States in a parade in Chattanooga, Tennessee, spying Ben E. Rich on the sidelines, whereupon he stepped from his carriage and went over and shook hands with him. It is not hard to appreciate what a lift this was to the missionaries.

Upon his return from his mission he married Nelle Lesuer. They had two sons, Clyde and Keith, both at present residents of the Bay Area.

From an early date W. Aird aspired to newspaper work. This brought him to San Francisco in 1911. In this connection he took courses in journalism and literature, art, cartooning, public speaking with the I.C.S. and at the University of California.

It will be noted 1911 was not so terribly far removed from the Ship Brooklyn (1846) and the Gold Rush (1849) days, when it is mentioned that he barely missed knowing Sophia Clark King, who died in 1909, and who as a little girl was one of the passengers of the Ship Brooklyn, lived in Alameda a great part of her life, and was a member of the Oakland Branch.

There was on the Supreme Court of California at this time a justice (Sloss) who had succeeded in 1906 a Forty-Niner (Van Dyke). There were still some pioneers throughout the Church who had known Joseph Smith.

Through the years W. Aird worked for different newspapers in San Francisco and Oakland. It may be that he worked for all of the different newspapers some time or other. The news boys got one cent for the S.F. Daily News, and three cents for the Call and Bulletin. The Examiner and Chronicle were five cents. There were no busses and the streetcar fare was five cents. To San Francisco the fare from the East Bay was for a long time ten cents. Then it jumped to eleven cents, which was the rate for a number of years.

From his first arrival he was energetically active in the various Church organizations. He became Second Counselor in 1919 in the Oakland Branch Presidency, and when President Norman B. Phillips' work took him to the San Joaquin Valley, W. Aird in 1920 became the Branch President with Willard D. Ellis and J. Edward Johnson as counselors. Brother Phillips had been one of the original six who organized Oakland Branch in 1892. W. Aird continued to serve in this capacity until he became president of the San Francisco Stake upon its organization in 1927. On January 1, 1935, when the Oakland Stake was organized out of the East Bay area of the original San Francisco Stake, he became the president of that stake. He served as president of the Oakland Stake until April, 1937, when his work with the California Board of Equalization took him to Stockton.

After he had been in Stockton a relatively short time and had his State work well organized and in hand, he was called to be president of the California Mission. The State officials could not understand it at all--giving up of an important well-compensated position which promised employment for life to become a missionary and work for nothing. This illustrates one of the most prominent if not the very most prominent characteristic of W. Aird. Whenever the Church called, there was only one answer.

At the time he resigned from the Board of Equalization he was rendered a testimonial in Stockton by its leading citizens and several of the top State officials. No man was ever given higher and more heartwarming praise than he received on this occasion in connection with the difficult work which had been his, namely, enforcing the California liquor laws in this area. The president of the College of the Pacific, Tulley Knowles, presided.

After serving four years as President of the Mission, he was released, whereupon he returned to his old Board of Equalization position in Stockton. He now acquired several acres of land bordering on the San Joaquin River, where he built a home and planted an orchard which included a goodly number of orange trees. These orange trees bore profusely and were of a fine quality. As time went by he sold some of his property for building lots.

In Stockton he continued his Church activities with his usual enthusiasm and energy and served on the San Joaquin Stake High Council several years.

Upon his retiring from his work with the Board of Equalization in 1956, he went to Salt Lake City where he was put to work in the office of the Church Building Committee. Here he conducted preliminary interviews with people having building business with the Church and directed them to the persons who had the final say. W. Aird and Nelle lived in an apartment in Salt Lake City a number of years, but later acquired a home in Bountiful, 1295 South Westwood Road, where he was living at the time he passed away.

W. Aird and Nelle celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in the Oakland Chapel at the Stake Center with a reception in June, 1959. It was a joyful occasion with hundreds of old Bay Area friends on hand to extend their felicitations.

Nelle passed away in 1959. In 1960 W. Aird married Leanore Mitchell Sandall, who survives him. She is a talented musician and had been a close friend of Nelle while they lived in Salt Lake and Bountiful. Nelle even went so far as to say that if she should pass away before W. Aird she hoped they would be interested in each other.

W. Aird returned to the Bay Area occasionally to see his boys and old friends. It need hardly be mentioned that he was on hand at the groundbreaking of the Oakland Temple and again at the time of its dedication. When Berkeley Ward celebrated the 40th Anniversary of its organization on July 10, 1967, he was on hand and participated in the program and activities. He had once been a resident of Berkeley for a period of twelve years before moving to Oakland in 1927, or so, where he lived until he moved to Stockton.

For the last few years W. Aird was in more or less delicate helth. This, however, delicate health. This, however, did not prevent him from keeping active and he did a great deal of work in the Salt Lake Temple, where he was a sealer, to the very last. anectdotes could be told in

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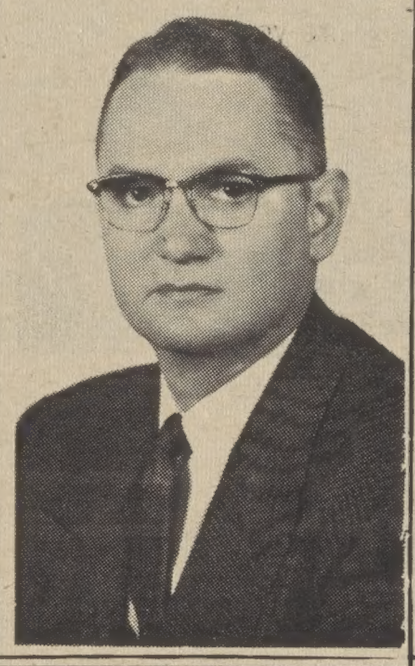

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Close To Home

The Ward News In Review

Fremont

By Dorothy A. Spoon

VON BROWN-CARL NATALI-GARY REED-completed four (4) years of active participation in their Priesthood Quorums. Von and Gary in the Priests' Quorum and Carl in the Teachers' Quorum. Von is the son of brother Dan and sister Vonna Brown, of 2647 Forrest Court, Fremont. Von is working toward becoming an Eagle Scout and is interested in Journalism, having been editor of the scout paper "The Bugle Call". Von is talented at the piano and was in the Stake Music Festival in 1969. Individual Certificates, attendance and participation at church functions and church service is considered toward the Duty to God Award.

CARL NATALI is the son of brother Reno and Sister Hazel Natali, of 1745 Horner Way, Fremont. He was accepted in troop No. 160 Eagles Nest on May 2, 1970, and he along with Von are members of the "Order of the Arrow", which is an organization of the Scouts that observe the traditions of the Indians of the area. Carl and Gary participated in the Salt Lake City Dance Festival in 1969.

GARY REED is the son of brother Lee and Joan Reed of 38142 Martha Ave., Fremont. He was accepted in troop No. 160 Eagles Nest on May, 2, 1970, making it a total of twelve (12) Fremont Ward boys having earned the Eagle Scout Award.

San Leandro

By Elizabeth W. Frye

The Ward Family Home evening and Christmas party was held Monday, December 14, with a delicious buffet dinner, the singing of Christmas Carols and the Ron Hunt family presenting the Family Home Evening program. Sister Hunt read a story, "The Littlest Angel", with her oldest son putting up the pictures to depict various scenes from the story. Brother Hunt sang two Christmas songs, and the audience joined in on the chorus of the last song. Santa Claus arrived with bags of goodies for the children.

Thursday and Friday evening, December 18, and 19, the two San Leandro Wards put on a special production of the play "Rented Christmas". Ed Wakefield was director and Paulie Landon Producer. Furniture for the play was from Lauper's Furniture store of San Leandro, and window from Kaufman's of Hayward. Judy Pendley was hair stylist, and costuming was by Loraine Scott. Gene Miller and Bob Jones took care of the scenery. The Christmas morning gown, worn by Sister Hunt, was through the courtesy of Vi Fontano, La Vois Sales, Castro Valley.

Margie Hunt had the leading role in the play and was well supported by Gary Eccles, Robert Allan, Fred Finlayson, and Berl Whitesides, all, who one could safely say, had leading roles too. Other in the play with lesser, but important roles, were Sharon Morris, Colette Lieurance, Melody Smith, John Lauper, David Zolle, Dawn Abel and Adrian Schipper, and of course, the Christmas carolers.

Remarks heard from people attending the play were unanimous in proclaiming it the best play ever put on by either of the San Leandro Wards. The acting was superb from the lead to the least, if there was such.

Mission

By Leonard W. Cryer

On November 30, 1970, the eighth bishop of Mission Ward was sustained by the ward members. The former bishopric of Bishop James A. Scorup, 1st Counselor, Ronald G. Schwendinger, and 2nd Counselor, Muliau P. Afuvai, was released.

The new bishop is Harry D. Raub, who had been serving on the San Francisco Stake Council, prior to his new calling. His new counselor, Ronald G. Schwendinger, was also in this same calling in the former bishopric.

The new second counselor, Guardello L. Hunter, was the ward's General Secretary-Adult Aaronic, prior to being called into the bishopric.

Changes in the bishopric occurred due to the moving of Bishop Scorup to Colorado, in September, to take new employment. The other released member of the bishopric, Mualiau P. Auvai, is still in the ward and expects a new calling in the ward or stake.

I. Y. Bigelow, High Priest Group Leader, and his wife, Ida, moved to San Carlos, in November, to live with their son. This family was one of the old-time families in Mission Ward, and one of the most active. They will be sorely missed.

Released in November as 1st Counselor in the ward's 4th Quorum of Elders was Walter H. Cryer. No new counselor has yet been called.

On December 7th, the first Monday, Mission Ward's Family Home Evening started. Formerly held on Wednesday night, the change was made to comply with the new Chuch-wide program for this activity.

The rescheduling of San Francisco Stake meetings from Monday to Thursday nights, effective in December, has resulted in the changing of the ward's MIA from Thursday night, to Wednesday night, for the MIA age members of Mission Ward and Spanish-American Branch. The meeting time is unchanged.

Daly City

By Corinne N. O'Neal

It did and it didn't happen....and this statement is really not a contradiction!

It didn't happen..but many thanks to the Pacifica Ward for their invitation for the Balboa and Daly City Wards to attend their symposium on drugs....wherein two young men gave graphic descriptions and explanation as to why, how and then becoming unhooked.

They exposed themselves mentally, physically and spiritually. Time was the preventive in accepting this invitation...but leadership from both the San Francisco Stake and Daly City Ward did attend.

It did happen...when members of Balboa and Daly City MIA Wards planned a combination Christmas program...and gave two outstanding performances.

It is always so gratifying when people share....and many thanks to Pacifica Ward and to all the young people who participated in the presentation of the Christmas program.

Balboa

By Bill Marquardt

The feeling of Christmas permeated the Balboa Ward of San Francisco Stake. Three ward members sang in the Christmas Oratorio by Bach December 6 as part of the Temple Hill Concert Series. Christina Reber was one of the soloists; Larry and Ellene Wilson were in the choir.

As the rain sheeted down on the 15th, Balboa Ward youth danced, played games and decorated a tree at the Stake MIA(except M-Men and Gleaners) Christmas party, which was at Sigmund Stern Grove. The same wet evening, the M-Men and Gleaners went Christmas caroling to S.F. General Hospital; afterwards, they sang and conversed at the new Bay Ward chapel.

On the 18th, the ward Christmas party consisted of a pot-luck style dinner, Santa Claus and entertainment.

The two Christmas programs on the 20th retold the story of the birth of the Savior in music and readings. The Sunday School version included participation of singing Junior Sunday School children. The Sacrament Meeting version was prepared and presented by the MIA. Following the meeting a group of carolers visited some elderly or infirm

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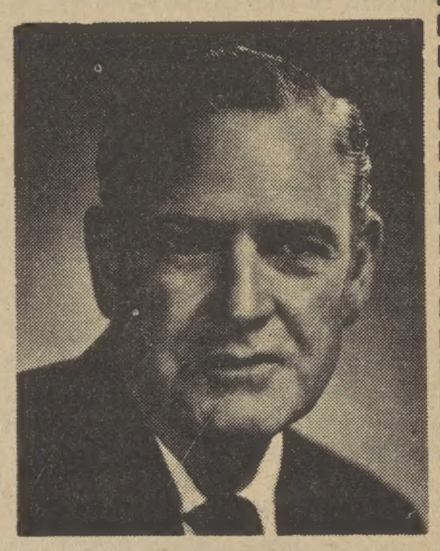

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ward members.

On the 31st, ward members enthusiastically danced and ate at both the San Francisco Stake and the Interstake Center New Year's Eve dances.

The welfare budget will be greatly benefitted by successful participation in the inventories of the Emporium on January 16 and of Macy's on the 23rd, according to Bishop Jerry Ostler.

Bishop Ostler reported that the degree of participation in year-end tithing settlement dramatically improved this year, since he took a week's vacation from work to provide time for both tithing settlement and other church work--thus allowing settlement at member's convenience.

Rodger Taylor was ordained an Elder on December 13. Millard Gill, an Elder, died after 10 weeks of hospitalization. A total of 13 persons were baptized to become ward members during the first 50 weeks of 1970.

A scout court of honor was held December 1. On November 22 a black member told the story of his conversion and the effects of his race upon his membership and himself.

On January 10, Stake conference will be held; on January 24, ward conference will be held; around the end of January, the Elders Quorum will have a party.

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loss of the beautiful Hayward Chapel, built only 23 years ago on Second Avenue. It was one of the first Mormon chapels built outside the Metropolitan area in Northern California, and had served as the hub of activities for the San Leandro and Fremont Stakes as well as the Hayward Stake. For some time it was the "meeting house" for three wards--who now will have to look elsewhere for suitable quarters.

The property was valued at approximately $350,000 before the fire andisince the Church is self-insured it will require a lot of unpaid fire insurance premiums to offset this total loss. The Church will pay the full cost of replacement up to the value of the destroyed edifice, and then pay 70 per cent of any additional cost that may be required out of the general church tithing funds.

Police reported that the fire was deliberately set by an emotionally disturbed youth who gained access to the building thru an ternoon. Perhaps there is a warning lesson in this apparently preventable catastrophe. In a day when there is such a disregard for the value of property and most public institutions are subject to attack it is incumbent upon everyone to watch if any windows or doors are left unlatched in our buildings--which are an "open" invitation to vandalism and loss. Also to turn off unused heat and light and prevent unnecessary expenses.

REQUIRED READING:

A short article in the current (January 1971) issue of the Reader's Digest will be worth your while to read, as it suggests steps which may be taken by each of us to relieve the feeling of helplessness, frustration and perhaps even anger at the every increasing commercialism of the pornography peddlers. It is written by Charles H. Keating, Jr. and is entitled "The Report that Shocked the Nation."

GEM: Remember when air was clean and sex was dirty?

NEW YEAR:

Ingredients for a Toast to the New Year. Recipe: A drop or two of consideration, A shot of humility, A dash of good common sense, A generous portion of pride in the good old U.S.A., A sprig of humor is recommended for added flavor, Mix well, drink heartily. Overindulgence is not harmful.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Richmond

By Mima Williams

The ward was saddened by the recent death of Charles Paul Musgrave who passed away at the age of 66. He is survived by his widow, Martha, who is very active in the ward Relief Society; his stepmother, Mrs. Ethel Musgrave of La Mesa and step-brother, Larry Bryan of Newport. Brother Musgrave was born Feb. 1, 1904 at Lakeview, Oregon.

Services were held at the Civic Center Wilson Kratzler Mortuary with Bishop Harry Wilson Jr. presiding. Remarks were made by Edward Borja, a close friend of Sacramento and Bishop Ernest W. Henderson delivered the memorial sermon. The invocation and benediction were offered by Elder Ray Moorman and Bishop Clinton H. Esperson.

Organ selections by Frances Mahoney included "In The Garden", "Abide With Me", and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives". Concluding services were held at Mesa City Cemetery in Mesa, Arizona.

At a recent sacrament meeting individual awards were presented to 10 girls who through their diligent efforts have earned these awards; 1st year: Pauli Mariana, Shelley Armstrong; 2nd year: Terri Lou Rosenlund, Kimberly Ridge, Cheryl Severson (leadership award), 3rd year: Terry Peterson, JoAnne Lynne Esperson; 4th year: Joan E. Adams, Bette Cavin (leadership award); 9th year: Cathie O'Connor (leadership award).

Aaronic Priesthood Awards were presented to: Priests: Mark Peterson, Richard Ridge; Teachers: Michael Peterson, Michael Mahoney, David Mattingly; Deacons: Roy C. Moorman.

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Two well known artists, Carl Eagle, organist, and Luana De Vol, operatic soprano, will be presented at the Interstake Center, 4780 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, on the regular monthly Temple Hill Concerts series, Sunday, February 7, 1971, 4 p.m.

Eagle, organist and choirmaster of The Broadmoor Presbyterian Church of Daly City, and assistant musical director of the new West Bay Opera Company of Palo Alto, has recently played several dedicatory recitals in the area. He is much sought after as accompanist, for his brilliant but sympathetic musical enhancements.

Miss De Vol has been affiliated with the San Francisco Opera Company for several years, has given many operatic and concert performances, including one last year on this concert series. She was part of the Jan Popper Opera Workshop Productions, of San Diego, last summer.

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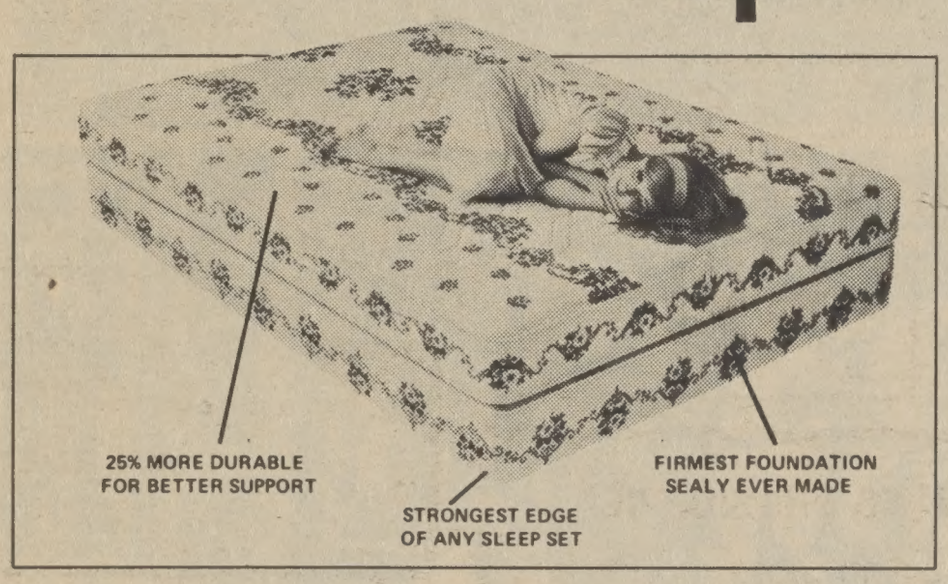

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'Like I'd Lost My Best Friend'

By Nell Smith

On January 4, 1947, ground was broken for the Hayward Chapel and twenty-three years later, almost to the day, it is no more. All the "....hopes, plans, prayers and sacrifices of those who labored thereon..." were laid waste in a few short hours from devastating flames.

"I felt as though I'd lost my best friend," said Leona Webb.

"It's lonely without the chapel but as I think of it I get a good, mellow,warm feeling," was the way Dr. H. C. Crockett expressed it.

Tyyna Carlson, who lives up the street a little ways, could not bear to go with her husband to look at the destruction. Eugene Johns, who had been a volunteer laborer on the chapel, was saddened as he watched the steeple collapse while nearby a group of seminary girls stood weeping.

Stake President D. Ross McClellan, who had been general contractor for the construction, recalled fond memories of events which had taken place inside its walls, including the fact that it was there that he had learned to square dance!

It all began in 1927 in March when the first Sunday School in Hayward was organized under the supervision of the Elmhurst Branch and a year later was named an independent branch with Wilford T. Webb, Sr., as president.

Leo J. Parry Sr. and Clifford E. Johnston both served as presidents before the Branch became a Ward with Owen L. Stewart set apart as the first Bishop. (None of these good brothers are with us now.) He was followed by Bishops Wilford T. Webb Jr. and Orval L. Ostler until 1951 when the congregation was divided to create Castro Valley Ward with Claude B. Lamkin called as Bishop.

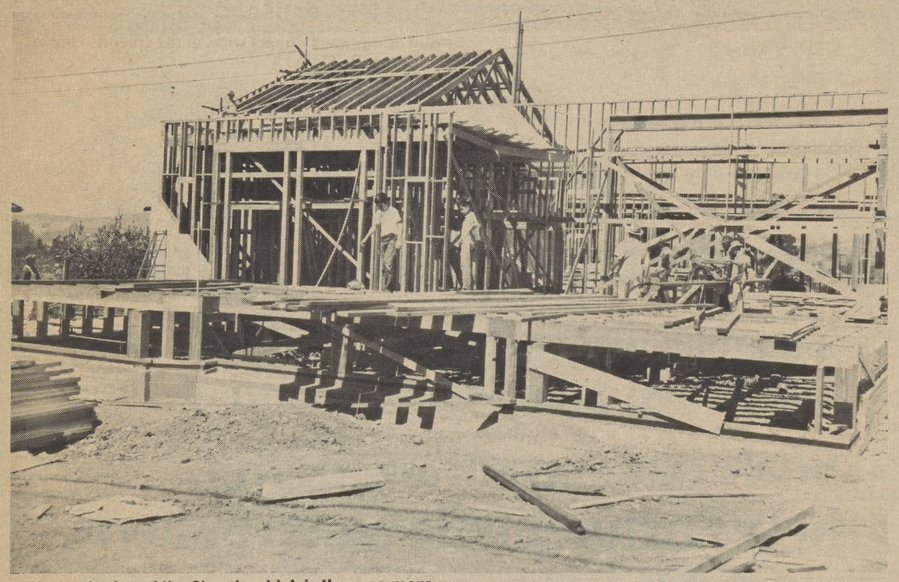
Actual dedication of the Chapel took place on May 10, 1953, under the direction of Apostle LeGrand Richards although the first Sacrament meeting was held in the building on Christmas Day, 1950.

According to the dedication program, "...It is impossible to list the names of all who have participated and contributed to the building of the edifice which is dedicated this day. At times the hours spent may have gone unrecorded by man. The sacrifice made to meet the financial assessments may have gone unnoted although the money itself was acknowledged, but they are known to God and will not go unrewarded."

Nor is it possible to recount the number of hearts that were touched as the news of the loss of the Chapel was spread abroad. (Mary Bolles called from Idaho to verify the report.) Because in that little Sunday School group who met in 1927 was planted the tiny acorn from which the mighty oak of the Gospel spread spread its branches to create Hayward Stake and San Leandro Stake and Fremont Stake.

It has been announced that no attempt will be made to rebuild the "ward-house" on the present site on Second Street. The congregations of Hayward and Dublin who were meeting there are finding accomodation in other chapels.

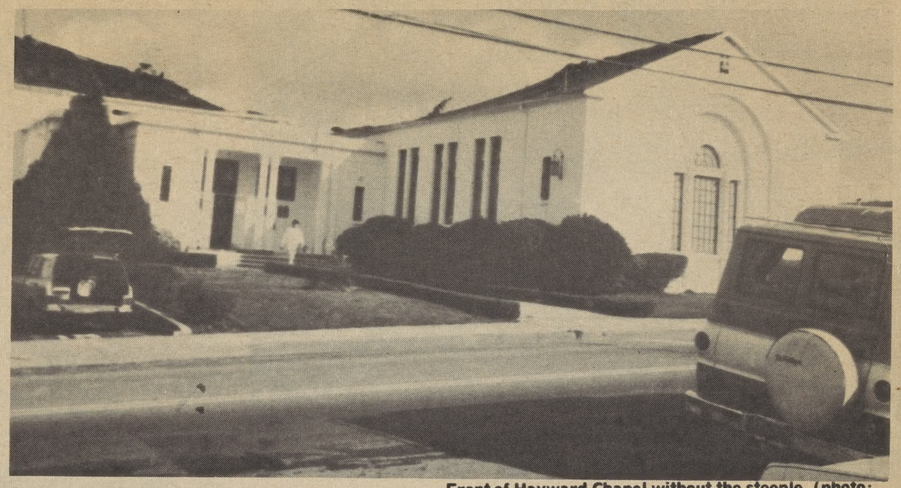
Volunteer workers on the cultural hall of the Hayward Chapel on Labor Day 1947.



The beginning of the Steeple which is there no more. Taken on Labor Day, 1947.

Some of the laborers who labored on Labor Day in 1947 to construct the Hayward Chapel. A few known to the writer are Movell Day, Wilford T. Webb, Dick Nelson, Madge Stewart, (in the pants suit), Bernard and Desmond Stewart, D. Ross McClellan, a Day girl, Claude B. Lamkin and sundry children who are probably laboring in the Mission field now.

It all began in 1927...and ended in devastating flames in 1970



Front of Hayward Chapel without the steeple. (photo: Dr. Feron R. Stock)

Looking into the Cultural Hall showing the final resting place of the steeple amid the charred fallen roof structure. (photo: Dr. Feron R. Stock)

Rear view of building with roof destruction but walls still intact. (photo: Dr. Feron R. Stock)

..Stage area showing burned closet area where fire originated. Door still intact is entrance to San Ramon Ward Bishop's office. The fire spared both the Hayward and San Ramon Bishops' offices. (photo: Dr. Feron R. Stock)

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The Amazing Frances Gee And Her Many Activities

By Gary Wood
Sports Editor

"You're only as young as you feel" is just a worn-out trite phrase, right?

Wrong...at least, in the case of Frances Gee of Alameda II Ward, Oakland-Berkeley Stake.

Mrs. Gee is the mother of six children, ranging in ages from 12 years to 18 months.

Her husband Daryle is a communication officer on the USS Coral Sea and, as a career man, is gone much of the time, leaving Mrs. Gee to care for the home and children. He has been to Vietnam twice and is due to return soon for another tour of duty.

Despite the heavy burden of keeping up a home, Mrs. Gee is an active member of the church, currently serving as chorister in the Sunday School and otherwise helping with church programs for the children of the ward. Her husband is in the ward's Sunday School superintendency.

That's about all she can handle, right?

Wrong again. Mrs. Gee also finds time to play basketball on the ward's women's team, believe it or not. She not only plays, she's the team's leading scorer.

In the championship game of the recent stake basketball tournament for women, Mrs. Gee scored 17 of her team's 32 points in a victory over University Ward. To their credit, the university Ward team scored as many points as Mrs. Gee did--17.

Oh yes, the amazing Mrs. Gee also has some other leisure-time activities, such as playing the guitar.

Someone should introduce her to George Blanda.

W. Aird MacDonald

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connection with W. Aird and Nelle, but space does not permit a recital of but a single one.

George Albert Smith, one of the Quorum of the Twelve, who with President Rudger Clawson officiated in the organization of the San Francisco Stake and who visited here more or less frequently, noted that the Saints spoke of brother Macdonald as Mack or W. Aird. He felt this was undue familiarity and gave quite a talk in one of the Quarterly Conference Sessions directing the people to speak of him as President Macdonald. President Grant was in the Bay Area at the time or shortly after that. J. Edward Johnson was assigned to escort him from San Francisco to the Oakland side where W. Aird met the ferry at the Oakland Mole to greet President Grant. President Grant saw W. Aird in the crowd a moment or two before W. Aird saw the President. His face lighted up with a warm smile and he said to J. Ed "Oh, there's Mack."

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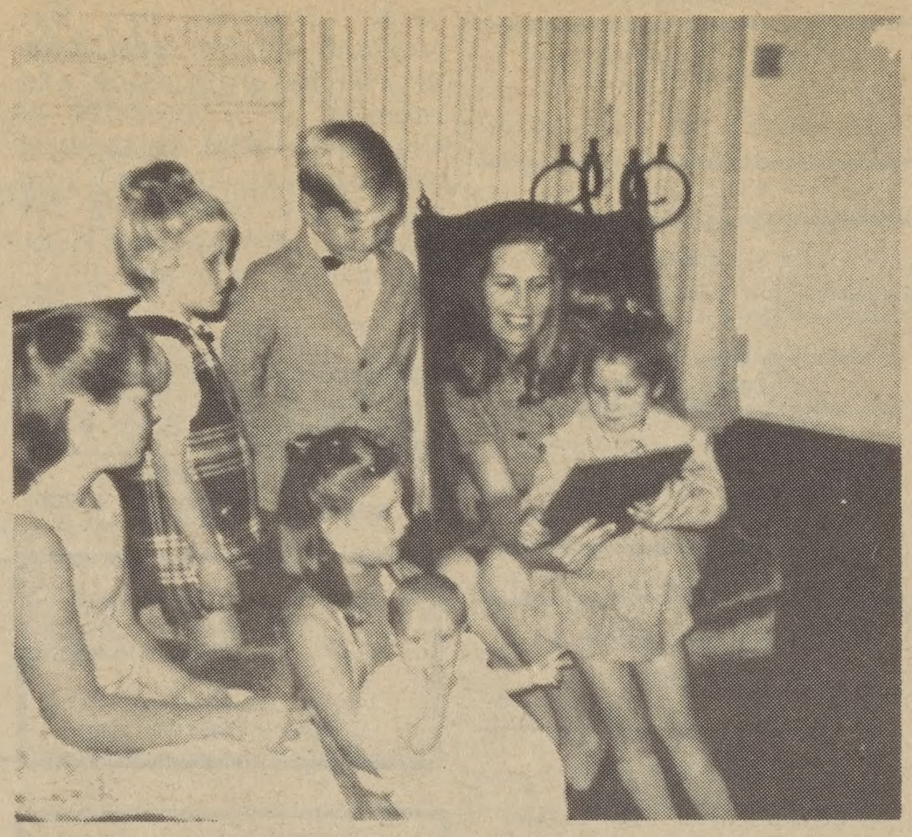

Mrs. Frances Gee relaxes with her six children during a rare moment of leisure in a busy schedule that includes church work, athletics, music and homemaking.

The plot for the Zone 3 basketball tournament, set for Feb. 19, is getting thicker than a teenager's hair as competition in the 17 stakes surrounding the Bay builds to a peak.

Stake winners must be determined by the first week in February, as regional tournaments are slated to begin at that time.

The Oakland and Walnut Creek Regions will conduct a week-long tournament at the Interstake Center in Oakland beginning Feb. 5 and concluding Feb. 12.

The San Francisco and San Jose Regions will hold their combined tournament during the same period, and the winning ward teams in both junior and senior divisons will meet at the Interstake Center Feb. 19 to determine which two teams will represent Zone 3 in the All Church Tournament set for March 14-19 in Salt Lake City.

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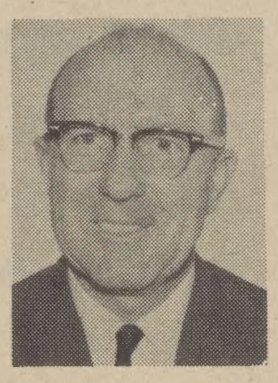
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Results of the survey were issued by Dr. Garland G. Parker, vice provist for admission and records at University of Cincinnati and author of an annual report on collegiate statistics for "School and Society," an educational journal.

BYU, which ranks number 21, is the only private university on the list of the "Big 30" universities based on full-time enrollment. All of the other schools on the list are large state universities outside the intermountain area, except University of Colorado, which is number 30.

However, in the list of the "Big 30" for total enrollment, BYU is not included.

BYU this fall semester has a total enrollment of 25,021. The Cincinnati survey shows that 22,648 of these are full-time students.

Dr. Parker states that despite higher costs and widespread campus unrest in the past, students again have enrolled in record numbers at the nation's colleges and universities.

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A native of Provo, Utah, Mrs. Taylor is the wife of an architect, Dee R. Taylor, and the mother of two sons. She attended Brigham Young University, receiving the Outstanding Senior Award in 1957 and a Master's degree in 1960. She is now finishing work on a PhD. Mrs. Taylor is past president of the Utah Association for the Education of Young Children. Currently she is an associate professor of child development and human relations at BYU.

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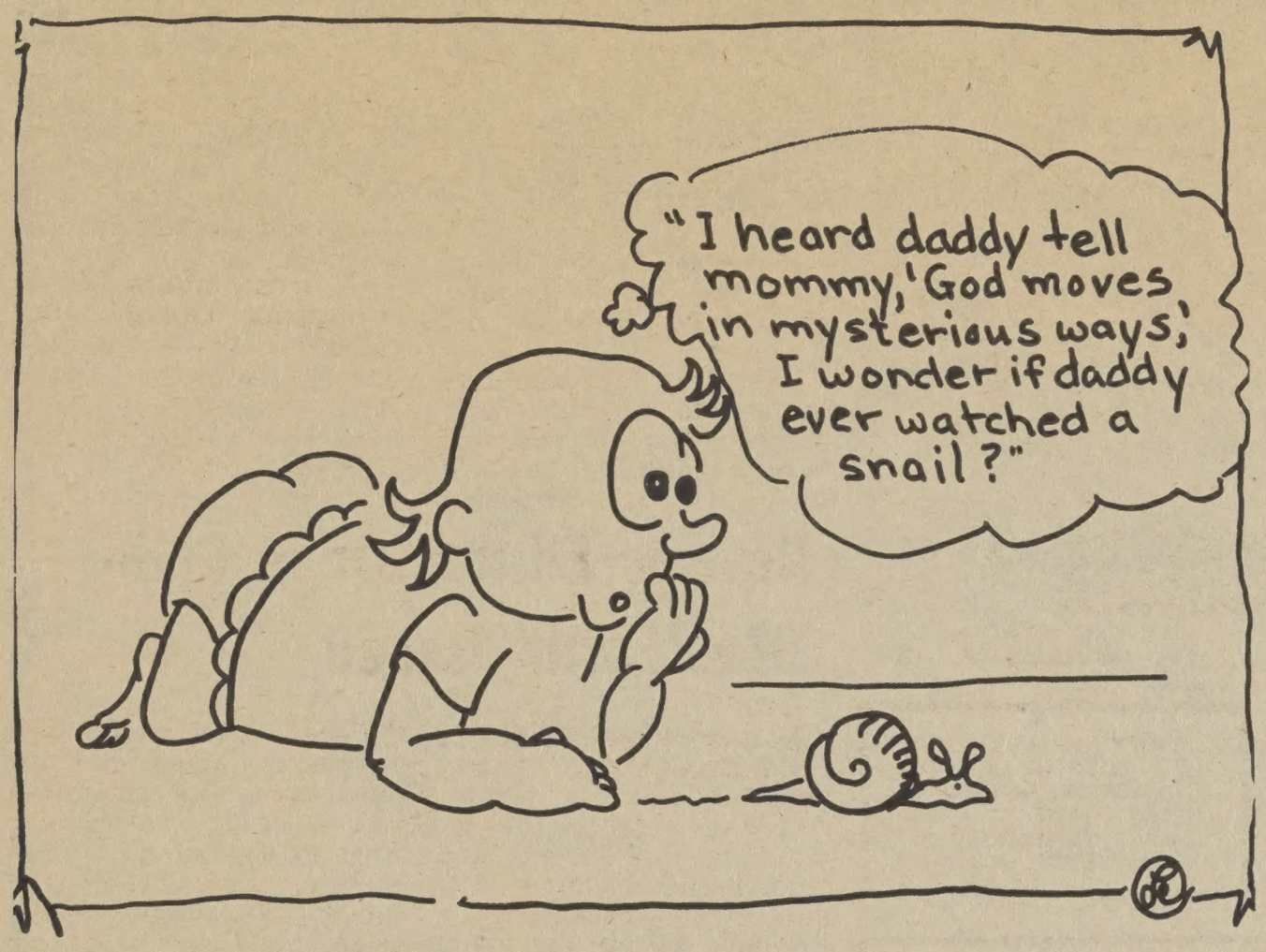


A Gift

By Susan Abeyta

Born to us in the city of David, a savior, whose name is Christ the Lord. He was a man who was to set an example for his people; he was a king, you know. Our King was baptized in the River of Jordan by John who was called John the Baptist. Now our King was baptized as a symbol of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He was preparing a way for us to reach our Father in heaven.

We have a way prepared now. Just as the children of God gathered at the river of Jordan, a group of others gathered at the San Lorenzo Chapel on Grant Avenue in San Lorenzo for their baptism.

The baptismal meeting was held the second of January at four o'clock for the youngsters. Ken Isaksen of San Lorenzo first ward offered the opening prayer. Sister Ardyth Green of San Leandro first ward gave a flannel board presentation to the children explaining these principles:

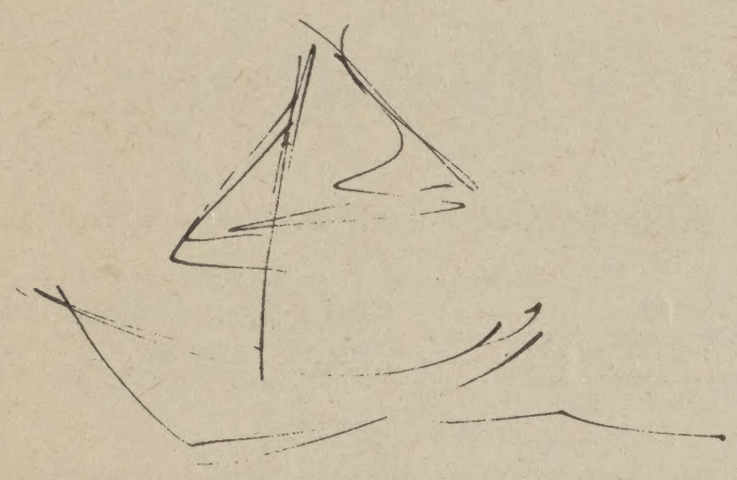
love
obedience
revelation
seek truth
word of wisdom
tithes and offerings
honor your parents
sacrament
gift of the holy ghost
baptism
repentance
faith

as she built a ladder to heaven.

After this demonstration Denise Lynne Marino was baptized by Elder Larry Allen Evans. Along with Denise were: Julie Kaye Hamilton (by her father Priest Roger Harold Hamilton), Jeffery Paul Johnson (by his father Elder Jack Eugene Johnson), Kathryn Jeannette Wilson and Kenneth Wayne Felt (by Bishop William F. Callahan). All five baptisms were witnessed by Ronn Priddis and Cal Leager of San Lorenzo first ward. The closing prayer was offered by Greg Smith of San Lorenzo first ward.

At six o'clock that very evening Pamela Weld Pruner and her son Christopher Weld along with John Edward Avery were baptized.

Special news: John and Pam are to be married the fourteenth of January!



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Golden Gate Saints

A History Of The Church In California... Part 5

Of many puzzling questions concerning DeVere Baker and the raft Lehi, the biggest remains unanswered: just why did he persist in making the shakedown cruise to Hawaii, when his actual purpose was to come the other way, from the Gulf of Persia east across the Pacific to Guatemala, on the route which he was convinced had been used by Book of Mormon peoples? Why make the enormous investment of money, time and effort on what essentially was a reprise of the voyage by Thor Heyerdahl on the Kon-Tiki several years previously?

An examination of four books written about the Lehi, plus interviews with Baker and others associated with him, gave only one clue---DeVere was a dedicated and a very stubborn man, determined to follow his predetermined plan, regardless.

After losing the first two Lehis, Baker realized that a prime requisite of high adventure was a sponsor; adventure always has been an expensive business. But it was no longer possible to get backing for his prime aim---to prove the feasibility of the Book of Mormon migrations---because the embarrassing fiascos of the two rafts made the Saints wish that Baker would forget the whole thing. So Baker broadened the base of his appeal; if the existence of God could be proved, then

godless Communism would be dealt a mortal blow; the Lehi by reestablishing the veracity of the LDS religion would prove all religion; the conflict between science and religion would automatically be resolved; world peace would reign.

Seenthis way, the sailing of a raft became practically the most important undertaking in the entire world. But Baker found scant support in the San Francisco Bay area. The prophet would have to leave his own land to gain honor.

Baker scraped the absolute bottom of the barrel to construct Lehi III, which was not a raft, but only the cabin for a raft, a washtub of plywood. In this little craft Baker set off down the California coastline, hoping to get publicity that would attract sponsorship.

Of all things Baker had done and hoped to do, this trip somehow catches the imagination---setting out to sea in this little box of plywood. Here is adventure of a high order.

At Redondo Beach, Baker exhibited Lehi III in the showroom of an automobile agency, and began giving his pitch combining God, peace, and anti-Communism to civic groups and service clubs. A number of them endorsed the project, and the city of Redondo Beach officially sponsored the Lehi.

Now Baker was able to construct a raft to go under his cabin. When the two were joined together, the completed craft became the Lehi IV. This craft successfully made the shakedown cruise to Hawaii.

At the time I interviewed, he had devoted nine years to the Lehi project, and had plans for eight years in the future. The Lehi V had been completed, and was berthed at Ensenada, Mexico. He planned to have it hauled overland to Vera Cruz, then sail up the Atlantic coast in time to arrive at the New York World's Fair (now a thing of memory). He would then drift across the Atlantic on it, be towed through the Mediterranean and the Red Sea, and then, finally and at last, set out from the Bay of Oman for America, floating past India and the East Indies, riding the currents up past Japan, across the Pacific to Alaska, and down the west coast of the new world to Central America---the route he believed taken by some Book of Mormon migrants.

By that time, he would have achieved his goal and be ready to quit. "Every man," he told me, "has his breaking point." But for DeVere Baker, it was nearer than he thought. Not long after I talked with him, he had a heart attack. This was followed by a stroke and other coronaries.

A subsequent newspaper story late in 1966 said that Baker was ready to embark on the great voyage the following May, which would have been thirteen years since the launching of Lehi I. The silence since then, however, has been eloquent.

Then just before the New Year of 1971, Baker arrived in the Bay area, full of plans for Lehi VI. What happened to Lehi V is, from newspaper accounts, a bit vague---except that again he apparently went westward again, or tried to.

But now, withthe Lehi VI---which is to be a luxury raft on a cruise costing an estimated $250,000---he says he really will start from the mouth of the Red Sea.

Certainly everyone wishes him luck. But the basic question remains: What might have been the story of the Lehi if Baker had made the big try the first time, instead of making a career of preparing to try? In boxing, this is called leaving your fight in the gymnaasium.

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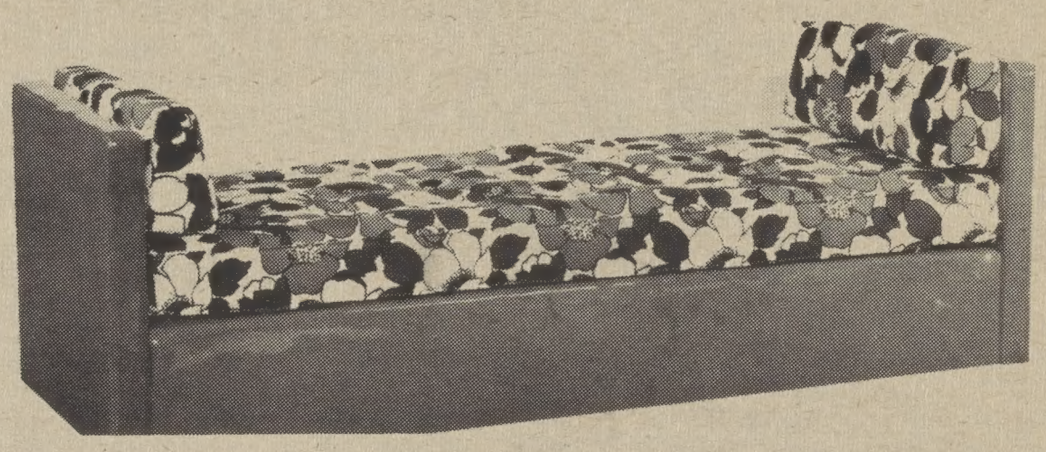

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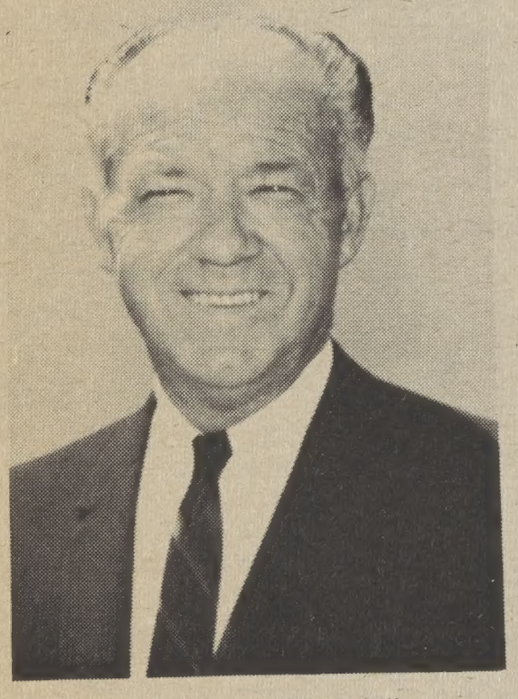

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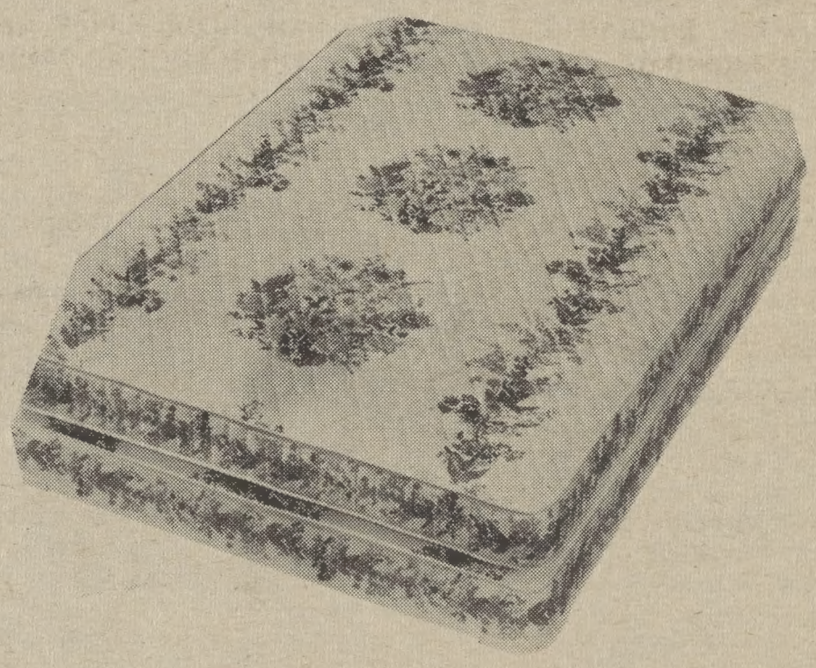

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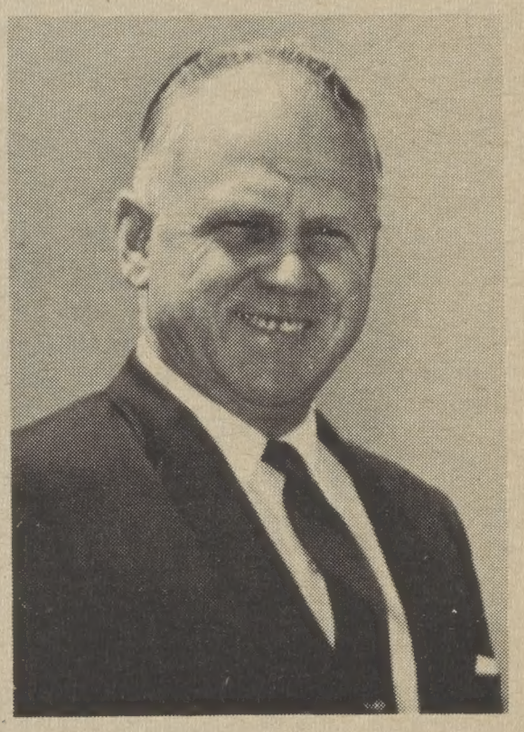

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